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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Group Art Unit: 2859

Jacobs : Examiner: Arana, Louis M.

Serial No. 10/682,114 :

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For: MAGNETIC MATERIALS, PASSIVE SHIMS AND MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING SYSTEMS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 27, 2004, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, claims to Group I, claims 1-40 drawn to a shim, classified in class 335, subclass 296.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

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